



State of California – Natural Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Bay Area District
845 Casa Grande Road
Petaluma, CA 94954

PROJECT TITLE: Boundary Defensible Space/Fuel Modification

LOCATION: Annadel State Park

COUNTY: Sonoma

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Create defensible space and perform fuel reduction/modifications consistent with State Parks "Guidelines for the Protection of Structures from Wildland Fire" in Annadel State Park to create a defensible space from wildland fires. Project will prune and limb up to 10' above ground, remove dead trees and shrubs, and generally thin vegetation along the park boundary near the Bennett Ridge neighborhood and along a portion of the Ridge Trail which functions as a fire road.

All work will be conducted with CalFire crews in coordination with a State Park Environmental Scientist. Access to the work area will be on foot. All trimmed material will be scattered on site. Any work performed with mechanized tools (including chainsaws) will be performed outside Northern spotted owl nesting season. All work will be performed outside standard bird nesting season unless the area is surveyed for the presence of bird nests. Work may be performed over multiple years.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Bay Area District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 4


Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:


Project consists of minor public alterations in the condition of vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes; included as "resource management" activities in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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